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Landry Brewer Wins Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award at SWOSU

Photo Caption: Landry Brewer (middle) won the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award for 2018 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The award for exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service is made possible by Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City. Brewer won a \$5,000 cash award made possible by the Bernhardts.

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Landry Brewer, history instructor on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) campus in Sayre, is the winner of the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award for 2018 at SWOSU.

Brewer was presented the prestigious award at the annual Bernhardt banquet held on the Weatherford campus. For winning the award, Brewer received a \$5,000 cash award, clock, pen and medallion.

SWOSU alumni Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City are sponsors of the annual award that goes to an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

Landry Brewer grew up in Elk City and graduated from Elk City High School in 1994. He is the first SWOSU-Sayre faculty member to win the Bernhardt Award.

Brewer has earned five college degrees—all from SWOSU. He received an Associate in Science degree in General Studies in 1996, Bachelor of Science in Education degree in Elementary Education in 1999, Master of Education degree in Social Sciences in 2004, Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in 2010, and Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 2012. He graduated Magna Cum Laude, received the SWOSU Political Science Academic Excellence Award and earned a 4.0 GPA while completing 54 graduate hours.

After teaching part time at the Sayre campus for several years, Brewer joined the SWOSU faculty at the Sayre campus full time in August 2005. Brewer teaches United States History To 1877, United States History Since 1877, World History, and American Government and Politics. Each fall and spring semester, Brewer teaches interactive video courses from the Sayre campus that are broadcast to several western Oklahoma high schools, and he also teaches online classes.

In addition to teaching, Brewer is busy with scholarly activity, most notably his research and the recent publication of his paper in *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* about the Atlas missile sites in southwest Oklahoma in the early 1960s. Brewer will soon have another paper published in *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* about an Oklahoma professor who was accused by the state legislature of being a Communist in 1941, then, a decade later, was accused by a spy-turned-FBI informant of committing espionage for the Soviet Union while working for the federal government.

Brewer is deeply involved in campus activities and committees. He served as SWOSU-Sayre Faculty Association President 2013-15, Student Government Association faculty advisor in 2014/15, and various roles in the annual SWOSU-Sayre Literacy Festival. He has announced the graduates during the annual SWOSU-Sayre graduation ceremony since 2006.

He has been active in marketing activities as the administrator for the Sayre-campus Facebook page, collaborating with the SWOSU Office of Marketing and Public Relations in producing press releases for the Sayre campus and creating promotional materials. In 2015, Brewer worked with Sayre campus Dean Sherron Manning and Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City CEO Corey Lively to offer general education classes taught by Sayre campus faculty members each fall and spring at the Elk City hospital.

Brewer is also involved in his community. He has coached children's soccer and softball teams and acted as fill-in basketball coach. He has also volunteered as a soccer coach for Heart of Western Oklahoma Homeschoolers in Elk City. He and his wife have also volunteered to work with drama students in that organization as well. In 2012 and 2013, those drama students performed two one-act plays written by Brewer—*The Painting* and *The Wedding*—during the SWOSU-Sayre Literary Festival.

Brewer is a member of the Northeast Church of Christ in Elk City where he teaches an adult Bible class, leads the congregational singing during worship and serves as treasurer. Since 2006, Brewer has co-hosted the morning talk show "The Early Morning Show" on KECO Radio in Elk City with his twin brother Nathan.

He and his wife, Erin, live in Elk City. Erin homeschools three of their children with Landry providing history/civics/government instruction. They have five children—Dylan, Kelsey, MacKinley, Quinn and Spence—four of whom are still at home.

Previous winners of the Bernhardt Award are (in order by year): Dr. Vilas Prabhu, Dr. Stuart Burchett, Dr. Gary Wolgamott, Dr. Terry Segress, Dr. James Hunsicker, Dr. Jill Jones, Dr. James Breckenridge, Dr. John Ludrick, Dr. W. Steven Pray, Dr. Les Crall, Dr. Peter Grant, Dr. John Hayden, Dr. Virgil Van Dusen, Steve Strickler, Dr. Mary Aspedon, Dr. John Woods, Dr. Scott Long, Dr. Charles Rogers, Dr. Tim Hubin, Dr. Brian Campbell, Dr. Patsy Parker, Dr. Tom Davis, Dr. Kevin Collins and Dr. Trisha Wald.

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